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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, St/I/R

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SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Evaluation of the Comprehensive Economic Reporting Program (CERP) for Indonesia

1. The draft evaluation of economic reporting from Indonesia during the period 1 April 1958 through 15 March 1959 has been reviewed in accordance with your request.

2. We consider the draft evaluation to be a thorough, systematic, and generally realistic appraisal of economic reporting from Djakarta, Medan, and Surabaya during the stated period. Only a few suggestions are offered for improvement, as follows:

a. Insofar as possible, economic reporting from Indonesia should give maximum attention to the locational aspect of the economic subjects being reported upon, and to regional differentiations among the various parts of the nation. This is true of Indonesia even more than most other nations, in view of the geographically fragmented character of the Indonesian nation, the consequent complications of communication and transportation among the various regions, and the impact of regional economic conditions on regional political sentiment.

b. Continued reporting on smuggling as an element in Indonesian trade is needed with attention being given to the commodities involved and to the pattern and techniques used.

c. The references to "Economic Relations with the Soviet Bloc" would be more accurate and meaningful if the term "Sino-Soviet Bloc" were used.

d. On page 10, line 14, we suggest that "from time to time" be deleted. In its present form the sentence tends to minimize the relative importance of reporting on the effectiveness of non-Communist aid and other measures in counteracting Sino-Soviet penetration. We feel that it is extremely important that this element of the reporting responsibility be kept in proper perspective.

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e. On page 15, the last sentence should be expanded by adding  
"and disposition of these products."

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